

both of Little Rock; and Jennifer Smith, Wal-Mart Stores, Inc., Bentonville, Arkansas.

### TRUTH IN LENDING ACT

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 1799, to amend the Truth in Lending Act, to establish fair and transparent practices related to the marketing and provision of overdraft coverage programs at depository institutions, after receiving testimony from Michael Calhoun, Center for Responsible Lending, and Jean Ann Fox, Consumer Federation of America, both of Washington, DC.; Frank Pollack, Pentagon Federal Credit Union, Alexandria, Virginia; John P. Carey, Citigroup North America Consumer Banking, New York, New York; and Mario Livieri, Brandford, Connecticut.

### INTERNET SALES TACTICS

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine aggressive sales tactics on the Internet and their impact on American consumers, after receiving testimony from Florence Marotta-Wurgler, New York University School of Law, New York, New York; Prentiss Cox, University of Minnesota Law School, Minneapolis; Robert J. Meyer, University of Pennsylvania Wharton School, Philadelphia; Ray France, St. Cloud, Florida; and Linda Lindquist, Sussex, Wisconsin.

### GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the international aspects of global climate change, after receiving testimony from Michael A. Levi, Council on Foreign Relations, New York, New York; and Nigel Purvis, Climate Advisers, Taiya Smith, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Karen Harbert, U.S. Chamber of Commerce, and Jake Colvin, National Foreign Trade Council, all of Washington, D.C.

### COUNTERTERRORISM IN AFRICA'S SAHEL REGION

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Subcommittee on African Affairs concluded a hearing to examine United States counterterrorism priorities and strategy across Africa's Sahel region, after receiving testimony from Johnnie Carson, Assistant Secretary for African Affairs, and Daniel Benjamin, Coordinator for Counterterrorism, both of the Department of State; Vicki Huddleston, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Africa; Earl Gast, Senior Deputy Assistant Administrator for Africa, United States Agency for International Development; Lianne Kennedy-Boudali, RAND Corporation, Arlington, Virginia; and David Gutelius, Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory, San Francisco, California.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1524, to strengthen the capacity, transparency, and accountability of United States foreign assistance programs to effectively adapt and respond to new challenges of the 21st century, with an amendment the nature of a substitute;

S. 2727, to provide for continued application of arrangements under the Protocol on Inspections and Continuous Monitoring Activities Relating to the Treaty Between the United States of America and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics on the Reduction and Limitation of Strategic Offensive Arms in the period following the Protocol's termination on December 5, 2009;

S. 1739, to promote freedom of the press around the world;

S. 1067, to support stabilization and lasting peace in northern Uganda and areas affected by the Lord's Resistance Army through development of a regional strategy to support multilateral efforts to successfully protect civilians and eliminate the threat posed by the Lord's Resistance Army and to authorize funds for humanitarian relief and reconstruction, reconciliation, and transitional justice;

S. Res. 341, supporting peace, security, and innocent civilians affected by conflict in Yemen;

S. Res. 345, deploring the rape and assault of women in Guinea and the killing of political protesters;

H. Con. Res. 36, calling on the President and the allies of the United States to raise in all appropriate bilateral and multilateral for the case of Robert Levinson at every opportunity, urging Iran to fulfill their promises of assistance to the family of Robert Levinson, and calling on Iran to share the results of its investigation into the disappearance of Robert Levinson with the Federal Bureau of Investigation;

Hague Convention on the International Recovery of Child Support and Other Forms of Family Maintenance, adopted at The Hague on November 23, 2007, and signed by the United States on that same date (Treaty Doc. 110–21);

Protocol Amending the Convention between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the French Republic for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income and Capital, signed at Paris on August 21, 1994, as Amended by the Protocol signed on December 8, 2004, signed January 13, 2009, at Paris, together with a related Memorandum of Understanding, signed January 13, 2009 (Treaty Doc. 111–04); and